

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:32 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting with a moment of silence, remembering Joseph Dyer, former Freeholder Director who recently passed away, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present; Deputy Director Bobbitt, Freeholder Timberman, Freeholder Lindenmuth, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Simmermon, Freeholder Bestwick, and Director Ware.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 6, 2006 meeting and that the minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion, carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware asked if there was a waiver of the rules for tonight's meeting. Deputy Director Bobbitt moved to waive the rules for resolutions 2206-375 and 2006-376, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Clerk of the Board Gage noted that resolutions 2006-378 and 2006-379 be held until after closed session for consideration.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Director Ware, assisted by Freeholder Bestwick, presented a Citation Congratulating Donna Martin as Recipient of the 2005 South Jersey Tennis Coach of the Year, and also a Citation Honoring the 2006 Pennsville High School Girls Varsity Tennis Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Krystyna Bowen presented a program on the patterned end brick houses located within Salem County.

INTRODUCTION

Bond Ordinance 2006-03

Bond Ordinance Authorizing Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the Salem County Branch of the West Jersey Short Line in the County of Salem, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$2,698,000 therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the County of Salem, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$2,563,100; making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the foregoing.

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved to introduce the Bond Ordinance, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan.

Clerk of the Board Gage was asked to go over the details of this ordinance, which he did highlighting the revenue stream, and possible reimbursement time frames. Freeholder Timberman commented on the importance of keeping the overall rail project moving for the benefit of our corporate partners. Freeholder Simmermon noted that the cost of the over all rail projects would be 17 million and asked how much of that will be taxpayer's money. Freeholder Timberman responded that at this time we are still looking for further State and Federal money before committing County funds. Freeholder Bestwick questioned how much we have bonded this year. The Clerk responded that we have bonded 1.8 million of Chapter 12 funds for the Community College, and 8.3 million for farmland preservation. Roll call vote on the Bond Ordinance carried a vote of 7/0.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

James R. Iannone, Acting Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority – copy of the September 19th Agenda

Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders – correspondence stating they are preparing a lawsuit to obtain a declaratory judgment that the Department of Transportation is not permitted to end its Deer Carcass Program on county and local roads

Hunterdon County – resolution encouraging the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly to support Senate Bill 1973 and Assembly Bill A-3093, which would revise and increase casino funding to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program

Oldmans Township – resolution requesting a “No Parking Zone” on a portion of East Mill Street in Pedricktown

Ronald Stockwell, Carney's Point resident – copies of various pieces of correspondence regarding ADA

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of July

Complete HealthCare Resources-Eastern, Inc. (Nursing Home)

For the Month of August

Adjuster

Planning & Transportation

Weights & Measures

For the Month of September

Emergency Services

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Advisory Council for the Office on Aging September 19th Agenda

Salem Community College Board of Trustees August 10th Minutes

Library Commission June 19th Minutes

Mental Health Board September 12th Minutes

Transportation Advisory Council for Casino Revenues September 18th Agenda

Youth Services Commission & Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition September 6th Minutes

WIB (Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board) July 26th Minutes & September 27th Agenda

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that the Correspondence, Departmental Reports and Committee/Commission Minutes be received and filed. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion, which was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. Motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, which carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware asked if there were any objections to reading the resolutions in bulk, there were none.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

R. 2006-363

RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE DUEL POSITIONS OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$75,000 – Earl Gage)

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. Freeholder Bestwick requested a roll call vote for this resolution. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 5/2. Freeholders and Simmermon and Bestwick voted against.

R. 2006-364

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT
FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE AND DEPENDENT CARE BENEFITS

R. 2006-365

RESOLUTION CHANGING CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS OF
ESTABLISHED PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
AND CANCELING ALTERNATIVE YOUTH SHELTER

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7/0.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

R. 2006-366

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(\$9,600 – Fiore Capore, MD)

R. 2006-367

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO R.S.40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948
(\$6,300 – Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement Program)

Freeholder Simmermon moved for adoption of the resolution, with Freeholder Bestwick seconding his motion. On discussion, Freeholder Sullivan questioned what the appointment of Dr. Capore as for. Freeholder Bestwick answered his question. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing two resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

R. 2006-368

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

R. 2006-369

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO R.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$25,533 – County Prosecutor Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program, Cycle 6)

R. 2006-370

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR A SAFE ROADWAYS PROJECT GRANT FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

R. 2006-371

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AND APPROVING A BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

R. 2006-372

RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY'S FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these five resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

R. 2006-373

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE "PENNSGROVE WATER SUPPLY COMPANY, INC" FOR MAINTENANCE AND STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO THE GATEWAY ELEVATED STORAGE TANK

R. 2006-374

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SLUICE GATES AND CULVERT AT THE MILES CREEK OUTFALL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSVILLE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2006-375

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON ONE (1) SALEM COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FLASHING BEACON AT THE SIX POINTS INTERSECTION

R. 2006-376

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL RECONSTRUCTION OF COURSES LANDING BRIDGE (COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 1704-000) FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Bestwick seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7/0.

Under Unfinished Business, Freeholder Bestwick questioned the memo from Solicitor Voyles concerning the lower salary. Mrs. Voyles stated that since the resolution creating the position set a salary that any change in that amount needed to go before the Board. Since the amount was lower than stated a further resolution was required. Freeholder Bestwick further stated that the position had changed; Mrs.

Voyles stated that this was not the fact, that Mr. Gage was appointed to the vacant position of Administrator, that no position of Clerk of the Board/Administrator was created. Freeholder Simmermon questioned the meaning of the slash. Mrs. Voyles publicly thanked Mary and Leslie in the Clerk of the Board's office for their help in this matter. No administration from the 1980's carried a salary.

Under New Business, Freeholder Timberman presented the plaque representing Salem County's 55 years of membership in the South Jersey Development Council.

Freeholder Timberman also commented on the rape nurse issue and stated that the Prosecutor's Office was working with the Commission on Woman of Salem County, the Salem County Woman's Shelter, and the local hospital to re-establish this program. Freeholder Bestwick commented that this was written up in the Courier Post when it was discovered that Salem County did not have this program. Freeholder Lindenmuth thanked the Prosecutor for his help in this matter.

Freeholder Simmermon commented on the Fireman's' Convention in Wildwood and concerning polling.

Freeholder Bestwick commented on the resolutions creating the position of Assistant County Council and filling said position with Attorney Judith Karr. She made reference to budgeted amounts for attorneys. Freeholder Sullivan asked where she got those figures, Freeholder Bestwick noted the budget.

Under the public portion of the meeting, James Yannis commented on possible funding for farmland preservation in the installment/purchase agreement. Director Ware noted that the program had been discussed with the Freeholders and was on the agenda at the next Ag Development Board meeting.

R. 2006-377

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC
FROM A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

The meeting moved into closed session at 8:32 PM and reconvened at 9:00 PM. The following two resolutions from the Administrative Committee were then considered for adoption.

R. 2006-378

RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

R. 2006-379

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDITH A. KARR AS
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Timberman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. Motion to adjourn carried a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.